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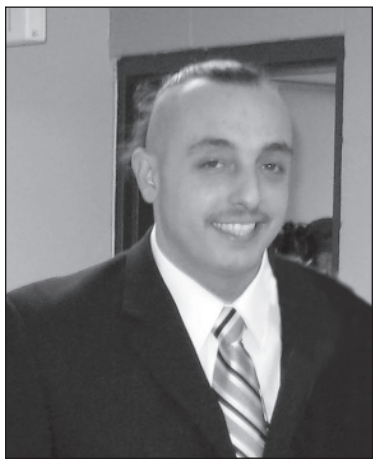
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Seven candidates file for Pontotoc Special Election

Chickasaw Nation Election Secretary Rita Loder has announced that seven candidates have filed for the special election to fill Pontotoc District, Seat 1 of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature.

The deadline for filing was October 29.

The winner of the special election will fill the unexpired term of legislator Holly Easterling, who resigned Oct. 14.

The term expires Sept. 30, 2012.

Candidates filing for the post are Mary Ruth Barnes, Fitzhugh; Jeremy D. Oliver, Wynnewood; Kimberly Factor Hazlett, Purcell; Todd Griffith, Newcastle; and Ada residents Mark A. Johnson, Toby Perkins and Heath Allison.

Chickasaw voters registered in Pontotoc District will vote by mail ballots. Ballots will be mailed to qualified voters November 22, 2010.

Ballots must be returned to the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission no later than 10:30 a.m., December 7, 2010. No hand delivered ballots will be accepted.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission shall conduct and supervise the ballot counting beginning at 11 a.m., December 7, 2010, at the Chickasaw Community Center in Ada. Results of the elections shall be announced the same day.

A run-off election will be conducted if no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote.

If a run-off election is necessary, ballots will be mailed to qualified voters Dec. 20.

For more information, contact Ms. Loder at 1-888-661-0137.

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Heath Allison

Name of candidate: Heath Allison

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 1

Background information: Heath Allison was born March 6, 1972 at Ada, Okla., to Don and Monnie Allison. Mr. Allison was raised and now lives on the original allotted land from his great-great-grandmother, Alice "Keel" Allison. His great-grandparents are Calvin and Norma Allison. His grandparents are Perry and Lillian Allison and James "Red" and Lois Ryhnes. He has one brother, James Chad Allison, of Dallas.

Mr. Allison has lived in the Ada area most of his life. He graduated from Byng High School in 1990 and soon after joined the U.S. Army and served a four-year term. He served with the Army's 8th Infantry, 1st and 3rd Armored Division as a Cavalry Scout. He was honorably discharged as a disabled veteran. Upon returning to Ada, he attended East Central University to pursue a degree in cartography. He worked at Pre-Paid Legal Services as a customer service supervisor and later was employed with the Chickasaw Nation. With the Chickasaw Nation he was the first manager of the C-Store, tobacco and gaming for the Ada Travel Stop. He then transferred to Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing (CNDH) to become their new customer service manager.

Heath Allison

As a concerned Chickasaw and an employee at CNDH he was active with various programs and activities including: working with the Chickasaw Nation Youth Services Scholarships, served on the National Native American Heritage Month Event in Oklahoma City, attended all community councils, senior sites and regional offices offering assistance and programs from the Chickasaw Nation Division of Housing, worked on the Fire and Safety Poster Contest for all Native American Children living in mutual homes, assisted and organized the clean up of the ice storm damage, helped implement the storm shelter program for mutual help homes, and attended monthly Chickasaw Legislative meetings and took minutes for CNDH.

He is presently a local businessman who has been investing in real estate in the Ada and Texoma areas.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Allison is a devoted husband and father and attends Lovelady Baptist Church.

Goals as a member of the Chickasaw Tribal Legislature: Mr. Allison will be a strong advocate for health care programs, senior citizens programs, educational programs, and nutrition and wellness programs for all Chickasaws. He would like to see our housing programs continue to grow. He supports continued expansion of our tribal economic development projects and expansion of our land base.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Allison has been married to Tracy Lee Allison for 20 wonderful years.

"Tracy is my best friend, my companion and wife," he said.

Mrs. Allison is a fifth grade school teacher and has been teaching at Byng for 12 years. The Allisons have two children, Tristan James Allison, known as "Bubba" and Daryn Lee Allison. Tristan, 13, is the oldest of the two. Tristan is his number 1 playmate, "he could out fish anyone including me." Tristan attends Byng Junior High and is on the Governor's Honor Roll. Daryn, 8, attends Francis Elementary School and enjoys her time singing and dancing.

Personal message to the Chickasaw People: *I have been a candidate for the Chickasaw legislative seat for four tribal elections. I am a person of integrity believing strongly in what I do, what I have to offer, and what I stand for. I will not stand here make promises that can't be kept as you hear from opponents seeking offices in our local and federal government. I only offer to be here, available to the Chickasaw people for their concerns and ideas as a fair legislator. I support Gov. Anoatubby and the Chickasaw leaders who brought the nation to where it is today. A strong, A proud, A united Nation! I am proud to be Chickasaw and hope to serve you as your next Chickasaw legislator.*

Mary Ruth Barnes

Name of candidate: Mary Ruth Barnes

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 1

Background information: Mary Ruth Barnes is the director of Planned Giving for the state of Oklahoma and southwest Missouri for the American Cancer Society. She has taught at both the high school and college level for more than 13 years. She taught English, computer technology and photography. She was also a grant writer for a large school district in Denver. Her Chickasaw heritage includes: great-great-grandmother, Esther Wilson Brown; great-grandmother, Ella Brown McSwain; grandfather, Harry McSwain; great-aunt, Minnie McSwain Wolf, great-aunt, Bessie McSwain Broc; and great-aunt, Romey McSwain Scott.

Educational background: Mrs. Barnes graduated with a bachelor's degree in English from North Carolina State with high honors and a master's in education from Montana State.

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Barnes is extremely active in her community through the Ada Chamber of Commerce and 15-year member of Rotary International. She has served on her church Vestry board, Rotary Board, taught Sunday school, served on the Executive Board of Boys Scouts of America and the Executive Board of the Ada Arts Council.

Mary Ruth Barnes

Awards and honors: In 2003 she received the Rotary Vocational Excellence Award. She was the past president of Chapter HA of Philanthropic Educational Organization for Women International (PEO), and has been a member for more than 30 years. Named 2010 outstanding fundraiser for the High Plains Region of the American Cancer Society at the national conference in Atlanta. She came to the American Cancer Society after being the Director of Development for the Advancement Office of East Central University.

She served as past president of Ada's Business and Professional Women and was named 2006 BPW's Woman of the Year Award. Mrs. Barnes was selected as one of the top ten Chickasaw Dynamic Women Artists in 2010. Two of her watercolor prints are now permanently on display at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. One of her watercolor paintings, "Flight of Hope - Fighting Leukemia" was chosen as part of the cover of the American Cancer Society's Circle of Life Calendar Journal for cancer education and wellness for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities.

Family members: Mrs. Barnes and her husband, Mike, who is retired from International Truck and Engine Company, live on a horse ranch just south of Ada, Okla. She has two sons, Wiley Barnes, who works for the Chickasaw Nation in Public Affairs, and is married to Rachel, and Selby Barnes, who works for Harmony Sport Horses in Kiowa, Colo., and is married to Kerry.

She is the daughter of Chickasaw elder, June McSwain Scott, 92, of Ada.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: As a Chickasaw Tribal Legislature for Pontotoc District, I will be receptive to all citizen inquiries and suggestions for the betterment of the Tribe and the Nation, with total representation on their behalf. I will also provide every avenue of encouragement to the young people of our Tribe to uplift them to their highest level of achievements in education and career development. In continuation of elder care, knowing from the current care of my 92-year-old Chickasaw mother, I will support and uplift all Chickasaw elders, as their voice in all senior needs and health initiatives. Not without consideration, also, I will continue to encourage the expansion of our economic diversification and development looking constantly for new avenues of growth and financial stability for the Nation as a whole.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people:

My personal message to my Nation is one that will be a commitment to constantly walk the trail of integrity, as my great-grandmother and my grandfather did, to achieve the desires and wishes of my people towards a greater representation of a world of honorable Native American people that exceeds none greater than…the Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation.

Todd Griffith

Name of Candidate: Todd Griffith
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 1
Background information: Mr. Griffith is a descendant of Winchester Colbert. He was born and raised by Sherrell "Butch" and Saundra Griffith on a second generation dairy farm in Newcastle, Okla., where he still resides. The farm is on Chickasaw land and was part of the original allotment from the U.S. Government. The Colbert/Smith family comes home to this land every 4th of July to reconnect and celebrate our heritage. His grandmother, Jean Smith Griffith along with her brother Colbert C. Smith and sister, Theople Smith Pugh grew up on the land and he is proud to continue their legacy.

After college Mr. Griffith returned to the farm to work side-by-side with his father just as he did growing up. Given his entrepreneurial spirit and drive to have his own business, he took the challenge and opened a vegetable stand that has grown into a full-fledged nursery and greenhouse aptly named T.G. Farms. He also farms land in Newcastle, selling produce at farmer's markets.

As a business owner, he is continually seeking to improve his business, meet his customer's needs and be an advocate for his community.

Educational background: Mr. Griffith is a 1988 graduate of Newcastle High School and received his bachelor of science in animal science with a business option from Oklahoma State University in 1992.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Griffith's civic and communities activities include: Northern Pontotoc Chickasaw Community Council (chairperson), Chickasaw Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program (vendor), Oklahoma Vegetable Association (member), True Oak Fellowship (treasurer, Bible study leader), Newcastle Chamber of Commerce (member), Newcastle Annual Pumpkin Festival, co-sponsored by the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce (host), Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma (donor), proud supporter of Newcastle FFA and Oklahoma AgriTourism Association (member).

Awards and honors: His awards and honors include: 2009 Top Ten Entrepreneur Engage Oklahoma, an economic development guide developed by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce and the *Journal Record*. Honored supporter of the Bethany Children's Center, a private, not-for-profit hospital serving children with complex medical and physical disabilities.

Todd Griffith

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goals are to raise awareness of the current services offered through the Chickasaw Nation for all Chickasaw people; strive to understand the needs of the Chickasaw people, regardless of their geographic location and work to expand service making them convenient for any member of the Chickasaw Nation.

Name of spouse and children: Mr. Griffith and his wife, Leslie celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary in May. God blessed them with one child, Emily.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *I am passionate about educating all members of the Nation concerning the wealth of opportunities and services the Nation provides it people. I want to help all citizens find solutions through the utilization the myriad of avenues of support. Through bold leadership and commitment to continue to strengthen the Chickasaw Nation, I believe we will be able to sustain growth and diversify to ensure the future success of the Chickasaw Nation and its people. Growth and diversification will ensure the services now offered will be available for our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and will allow expansion in services the Nation is able to offer.*

I believe to be an effective leader; you must be open, honest and accountable in your representation of those who have chosen you to serve. My aunt, Elaine Griffith, encouraged me to get involved in the Community Council meetings. My involvement has opened my eyes to the blessing of being a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation and the greatness of belonging to something bigger than myself.

As a business owner, I have learned how to make difficult decisions and serve my customers. My close-knit family has instilled the values of accountability, morality and hard-work in me and I strive to be a leader and make a contribution to my community in all that I do.

My family has a given me a rich heritage. It is time for my generation to step up and keep the legacy alive. I consider it a duty to uphold the high ideals and standards of the Chickasaw and I would consider it a privilege to serve you as a Pontotoc District Legislator. The continued success of the Chickasaw Nation is dependent on passing our knowledge and our strengths to future generations.

I look forward to serving you and I humbly ask for your vote. Please feel free to contact me at 405-387-2847, todd@votegriffith.com or www.votegriffith.com.

Kimberly Factor Hazlett

Name of candidate: Kimberly Factor Hazlett
Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator
District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 1
Background information: Mrs. Factor Hazlett is the daughter of Gloria Factor of Oklahoma City, the granddaughter of Alma Neal and the great-granddaughter of Betsy Hawkins Neal and Oliver Neal.
Educational background: She earned her bachelor of science degree in accounting from Oklahoma State University in 1986. She earned her master's in education from the University of Oklahoma in 2003.

Mrs. Factor Hazlett has worked over 20 years in the accounting field in property management, revenue sharing, trucking, non-profit, environmental and oil and gas. She was also the budget officer at Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. She has been a math teacher at Moore Public Schools, aviation instructor at Sooner Flight Academy and tutor at Norman Public Schools. She was the cultural coordinator at Chokka' Kilimpi' Family Resource Center in Norman.

Civic and/or community activities: Mrs. Factor Hazlett has worked with the Chickasaw community councils in Purcell and Oklahoma City. She is involved with the JOM and Indian Education program in both Purcell and Norman. She teaches beading, basket and art classes to both adults and children.

Kimberly Factor Hazlett

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: My goal is to protect the sovereignty of the Chickasaw Nation. Our ancestors worked too long and hard for our sovereignty for us to give it up so easily. Another goal is to protect our water rights. Natural resources cannot be renewed. We need to protect what we have. We need to continue to work with State of Oklahoma and United States government to honor treaties made with our Great Nation.

Another goal is to continue to strengthen our families by providing needed services quickly and efficiently. We have been blessed with resources to meet some of the needs of our families but we need to continue to make sure we are getting the most value out of our resources.

Another goal is to set up more opportunities for young people to come back to the Nation to work after they have received bachelor's, master's or doctorate degrees.

My last goal is to set up more centers for our citizens to be given opportunities to learn and practice more cultural classes. The Nation is spread out across Oklahoma and the United States but we all need to take the time to remember the history, language and culture of our ancestors and to pass those stories. However, we need for those stories, language and history to be retold in our communities.

Name of spouse and children: Mrs. Hazlett and her husband, Tom, have lived in Purcell for 12 years with their two girls, Michaela and Nakoma Hazlett.

Personal message to the Chickasaw people: *Our Nation continues to grow and become stronger and I want to help with the growth by serving and meeting the needs of Chickasaw family. I will do and travel to whatever community needs or wants my assistance. I will continue to inform you on matters that are of concern to you as citizens and I will continue to push for services you need. Together we can continue to make our Nation grow and prosper.*

Chokmaashki (thank you),
Kimberly Factor Hazlett

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Mark A. Johnson

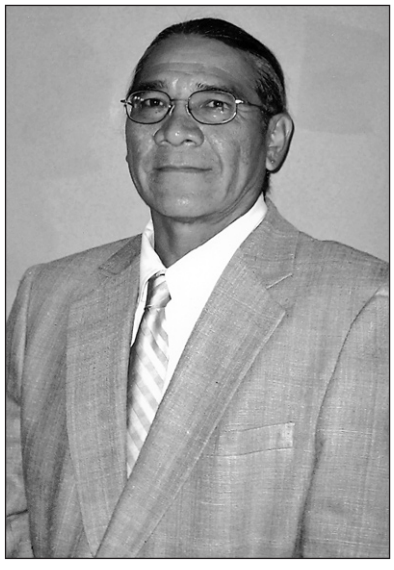
Name of Candidate: Mark A. Johnson

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 1

Background information: Mark A. Johnson was born in Wewoka, Okla., in 1960 to Sampson Johnson, full-blood Chickasaw and the late Lucille (Harjo) Johnson. He is the grandson of Ebatamby "Eddie" and Ethel (Gipson) Johnson and the great-grandson of original enrollee #390 the late Scott and Tamena Johnson. He is the fourth of seven children and is full-blood Native American and is half Chickasaw.

He had been employed with the Chickasaw Nation Health Systems since 1995. He began as an entry level maintenance helper and worked to maintenance mechanic and up to facilities manager. He later began computer data entry for all work orders and parts throughout the Carl Albert Indian Health Facility. In 1996 he began installing and programming telephone equipment throughout the hospital and clinics within the Chickasaw Nation jurisdiction. In 1997 he received his Federal Communication Certification (FCC). Since 2004 he has maintained the satellite clinics in Durant, Tishomingo, Ardmore, Purcell and briefly the Women, Infant and Children (WIC) building in Duncan.



Mark A. Johnson

Educational background: Mr. Johnson is a 1978 graduate of New Lima High School and received his associates of arts degree from Seminole Junior College in 1993. He is licensed by the Federal Communication Commission. He holds licenses as a Hazwopper, First Responder, electrical apprentice and is certified with EPA 608 and HILTI. He has live experience in tribal issues, property management of federal facilities and building construction.

Family members: Mr. Johnson has three grown sons and five wonderful grandchildren.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw people: *I enjoyed working for the Health Systems for the past 15 years. In doing so, I saw the needs of my Chickasaw People!*

It is time for faster service in our health systems, better wound care, a hyperbaric treatment to go hand and hand with a healthier diet. I see a need for programs such as; service for the middle aged people and those that have lost their limbs. Faster services, instead of the two year waiting period for new glasses and the long wait for dental service. As your full-time Tribal Legislator, I will address these problems.

I have heard complaints and seen the long wait for medical bills to be paid. This is a worry that my people have to endure. These worries cause our elders to decide which of their bills they will pay, electric, gas or water. I will address these issues! There is always room for improvement, with your vote we can make changes! I know the need for higher wages, so our families can benefit. When the parents do well our children do well. The clothing monies for our school children need to be sent out before the start of school. The children need to be able to walk into the classroom with their heads held high, which leads to improved learning. I say, lets work together to build their future with your vote we can do this.

I will work to address the needs we are facing. Your input and vote can make dreams come true! Tell people this is our Mark Johnson! Your vote will place a voice at the table that will address Your needs! As your full-time Legislator, I will always be a phone call away! I will recommend new ways to improve educational programs, vocational education training, apprenticeship programs and college aide. I know the situation with the job market across the United States and believe as a Tribal Nation we can help find jobs for our people. I will be your Voice! I will get out and talk with the people! Tell your family members, with your Vote Change is Here! Today and Tomorrow will be Chokma!

Chokmaishki

Thank you! Mark A. Johnson

Jeremy D. Oliver

Name of candidate: Jeremy Daniel Oliver

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 1

Background information: Jeremy Daniel Oliver was born at Wichita, Kan., to Jack and Jana Oliver. He lives on his grandfather's farm in the Pontotoc District in Wynnewood, Okla. He has one brother, Jason Michael Oliver. He is a direct descendent of Robert Colbert and his wife Nunnaby, whose daughter Emily Colbert, a full-blood Chickasaw original roll member, married Allen Latta of Cherokee and Chickasaw descent.

Mr. Oliver is in private practice working in the Native American, Family and Criminal Law field. He primarily works in the Oklahoma cities of Wynnewood, Ada, Oklahoma City and Norman at his firm Oliver Law Offices, PLLC.

He serves as general counsel to the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation at El Reno and Concho, Okla.

He has litigated several high profile cases for the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation involving ethics and Constitutional breaches of the laws of the Nation and has authored the current version of the Legislative Code.

Jeremy D. Oliver

Educational background: Mr. Oliver is a graduate of Wichita State University with an associate of arts degree and from Washburn University in Topeka, Kan., with a bachelor of arts degree in mass media/public relations with a minor in speech communications and from Oklahoma City University of Law with a juris doctorate.

Civic and/or community activities: Mr. Oliver is a member of the Chickasaw Bar Association and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Bar Association and is admitted to practice in both courts. He is a member of the Federal Bar Association Native American Law Section, as well as the Oklahoma Bar Native American Law Section.

He is admitted to practice before the Oklahoma Supreme Court, the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma and the United States Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Awards and honors: Mr. Oliver served the Apache Nation as a legal intern for the Native American Resource Center at Oklahoma City University focusing on Indian Child Welfare Act and Domestic Violence cases. He served as the vice president for the Native American Law Student Association and was awarded the National Rainier Native American Leadership Scholar and the Ernest L. Wilkinson Native American Legal Excellence award.

Personal Message to the Chickasaw People: *It is an honor and privilege to run for the esteemed position of Tribal Legislator for our great Chickasaw Nation. Through my law school career I was deeply appreciative of the educational support that was given me by the Chickasaw Nation.*

As General Counsel and private practice Attorney, I have focused my efforts to the practice of Native American Law. It is now time for me to give back to my Nation and its people by serving in a position that will guide and protect the laws of our Nation.

Our Nation thrives and is prosperous in a time when economic trials plague the world. We are a Nation of exceptional people and it makes me proud that I am a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation.

To my people, I thank you.

Toby Perkins

Name of candidate: Toby Perkins

Position candidate is filing for: Tribal Legislator

District and seat number: Pontotoc District, Seat 1

Background information: Toby Perkins was born July 18, 1968 in Little Rock, Arkansas. His Chickasaw lineage includes his mother, Tia Juana (Wiley) Perkins, grandmother, (Angie) Emmeline Matha (Jimmy) Wiley, great grandparents, Eula (Greenwood) Jimmy (Roll #2127) and Johnson Jimmy (Roll #4597) and great-great-grandparents Nancy (Moore) Greenwood (Roll #2126) and Sim Greenwood.

Mr. Perkins moved to Ada, Okla., in 1998 to work as a Safety Officer and Field Technician at Robert S. Kerr Research Laboratory. In 1999, he accepted the challenge to establish and build an associate benefits program for Pre-Paid Legal Serivces, Inc. As the director of Associate Benefits, Mr. Perkins secures and manages the offering of optional benefits for over 400,000 Pre-Paid Legal Independent Associates in the United States and Canada.

Educational background: The Perkins family moved to Mustang, Okla., in 1978 where Mr. Perkins' mother taught eighth grade English. From a young age, education was the priority of Mr. Perkins' life and in 1986 he graduated from Mustang High School. From there he attended Oklahoma State University where he earned bachelor's degree in business administration and an associates degree in occupational health and safety.

Toby Perkins

Civic and/or community activities: Toby Perkins is a six-year member of the Board of Directors for the Ada Regional United Way. He and his wife, Alesha are active members of First Baptist Church where he sits on the Music/Media committee. The Perkins' have also owned and operated Bella E Salon since March of 2009.

Awards and honors: Mr. Perkins graduated with Honors from Mustang High School. He earned his Occupational Health and Safety Degree with a 4.0 grade point average from Oklahoma State University.

Name of Spouse and children: Toby Perkins married his wife Alesha October 24, 1999, they have two children Elizabeth and Cash Freeman and reside in Ada.

Goal as a member of the Chickasaw Legislature: I will serve the people of my district by working to consistently strengthen the tribe, with a dedication to enhancing the quality of life for all Chickasaws.

I am actively involved in creating positive change in my community and I am excited about investing my passion and experience to benefit the people of the Chickasaw Nation.

Every Chickasaw child should have the tools and resources to help them reach their full potential. Not only accomplishing this goal, but following through and leading initiatives to make it happen will be one of my top priorities. Our elders are a wonderful source of knowledge and wisdom, and as a Legislator, I will seek counsel from our seniors before casting a vote on their behalf. I will always support the implementation of programs and services that assist Chickasaws, both inside and outside the Nation's boundaries. I will listen and be accountable to every Chickasaw citizen.

Personal Message: *Dear Friends,*

My father always told me what his father told him, "Each generation stands on the shoulders of their parents." We're standing on the shoulders of our forefathers now, and they have made it possible that we have the great opportunity to raise our children to new heights. I believe it is our obligation to honor them by continuing on in their spirit of determination and placing emphasis on the well-being of families; our own families and our tribal family as a whole. I am excited about serving the Chickasaw people.

If you have questions please contact me at (580) 332-7073, or email me at tobyperk@cableone.net. I humbly ask for your vote in this election. Together, we can do great things and I am grateful for your support and friendship. I wish you the best.

Meet your tribal election office staff and election commissioners

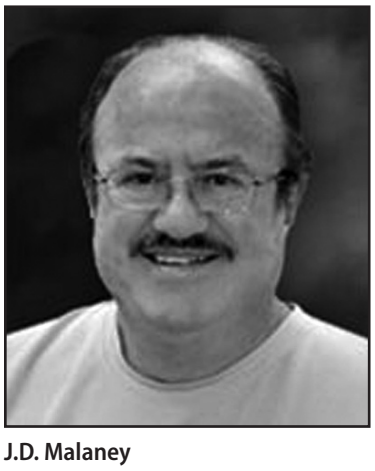
Rita Loder
Election Secretary/Tribal Registrar

Traci Gold
Administrative Assistant

Jennifer Owens
Registration Clerk

Shannon Lopez
File Clerk

Rose Jefferson
Pontotoc District Commissioner



J.D. Malaney
Panola District Commissioner

Claude Miller
At-Large Commissioner

Mark Riesen
Pickens District Commissioner

Catherine Wood
Tishomingo District Commissioner

Chickasaw voters
Exercise your right to vote! Mark and return your ballot!

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission and election secretary encourage ALL registered Chickasaws to cast their votes for the candidate of their choice. YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

As a citizen and eligible voter of the Chickasaw Nation you have the honor to cast your vote for your tribal leaders. Don't miss this opportunity to make your voice be heard. Cast your vote and return your absentee ballot in the prepaid envelope supplied in your ballot packet.

• CAST YOUR VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE OF YOUR CHOICE

• PLACE YOUR BALLOT IN THE INNER ENVELOPE

• PLACE INNER ENVELOPE IN "OUTER" ENVELOPE

• SIGN YOUR NAME WHERE INDICATED ON "OUTER" ENVELOPE

• PLACE YOUR BALLOT IN THE MAIL

IMPORTANT NOTE: You MUST sign your name as addressed to you, or your vote will NOT BE COUNTED. Your signature has been scanned in the voter database as it appears on your voter application. Your signature on the outer envelope is compared to your signature on the voter database to confirm the validity of your original signature. The ELECTION COMMISSION AND ELECTION SECRETARY verify your signature during the ballot counting process.

No one knows how you vote.

Remember to return your ballots early, giving ample time to reach the election commission's post office box before the deadline.

Remember to contact tribe when your address changes

In our modern society, it is a fact of life that people move often. People move to new homes within their communities, or they may move across the country.

Chickasaws are no different. Chickasaw citizens live in every state in the union, plus the District of Columbia, Guam and several foreign countries. There are also a good number of Chickasaw military men and women who often change duty stations.

Remember that when you move, you should contact the tribal election secretary's office to update your address. If you fail to do so, you will soon find you are not receiving the regular mailings from the tribe, including your monthly issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and your mail-in ballot.

The Times is mailed via third-class mail and is most often not forwarded. The ballots are mailed first-class and will be forwarded for a period of time by the U.S. Post Office. However, that forwarding does expire. When that happens, you will not receive a ballot.

Think of your tribe when you change addresses. It is easy and simple to make the change. Just call the election secretary's office and update your address. You may call the office at (580) 310-6475 or toll free at 1-888-661-0137, or you may email the election secretary at rita.loder@chickasaw.net

Remember, it's quick, easy and it preserves your right to vote!

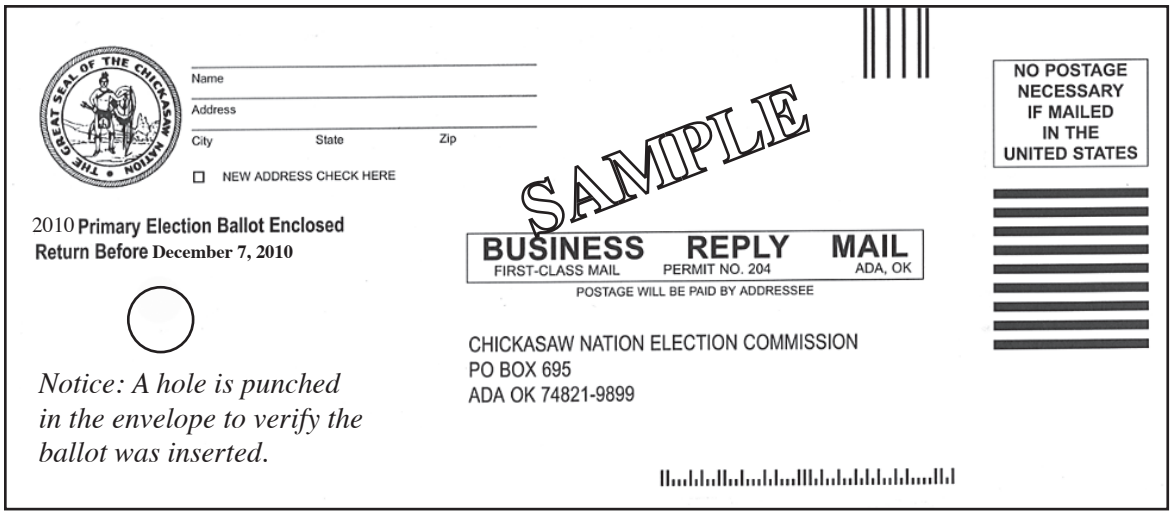
Chickasaw Nation Election Commission selects automated election services

Ink Impressions, Inc. automated election services, based in Albuquerque, N.M., and has been selected to provide the absentee ballots, mail-out, tabulation and ballot counting machines for this year's election.

Ink Impressions, Inc. has been providing this type of election service since 1974.

President of the company, Terry Rainey, and staff travel all over the United States, providing automated election services for over 150 Native American tribes.

The Chickasaw Nation Election Commission has utilized their services for pervious elections with tremendous results.



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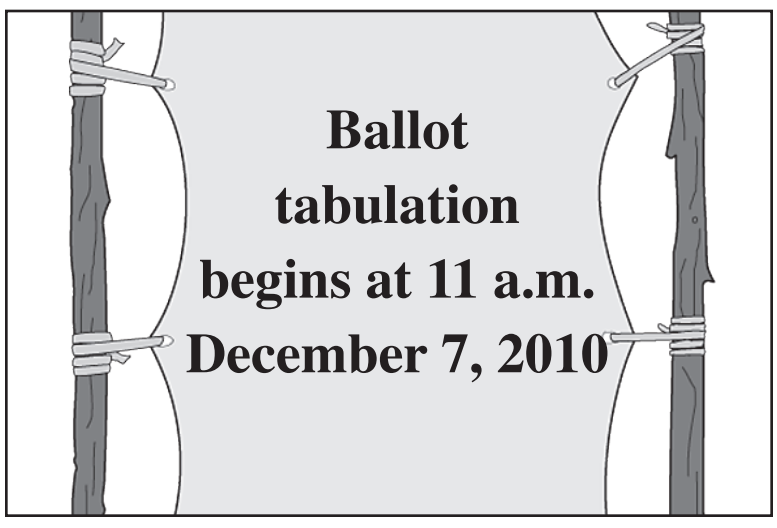
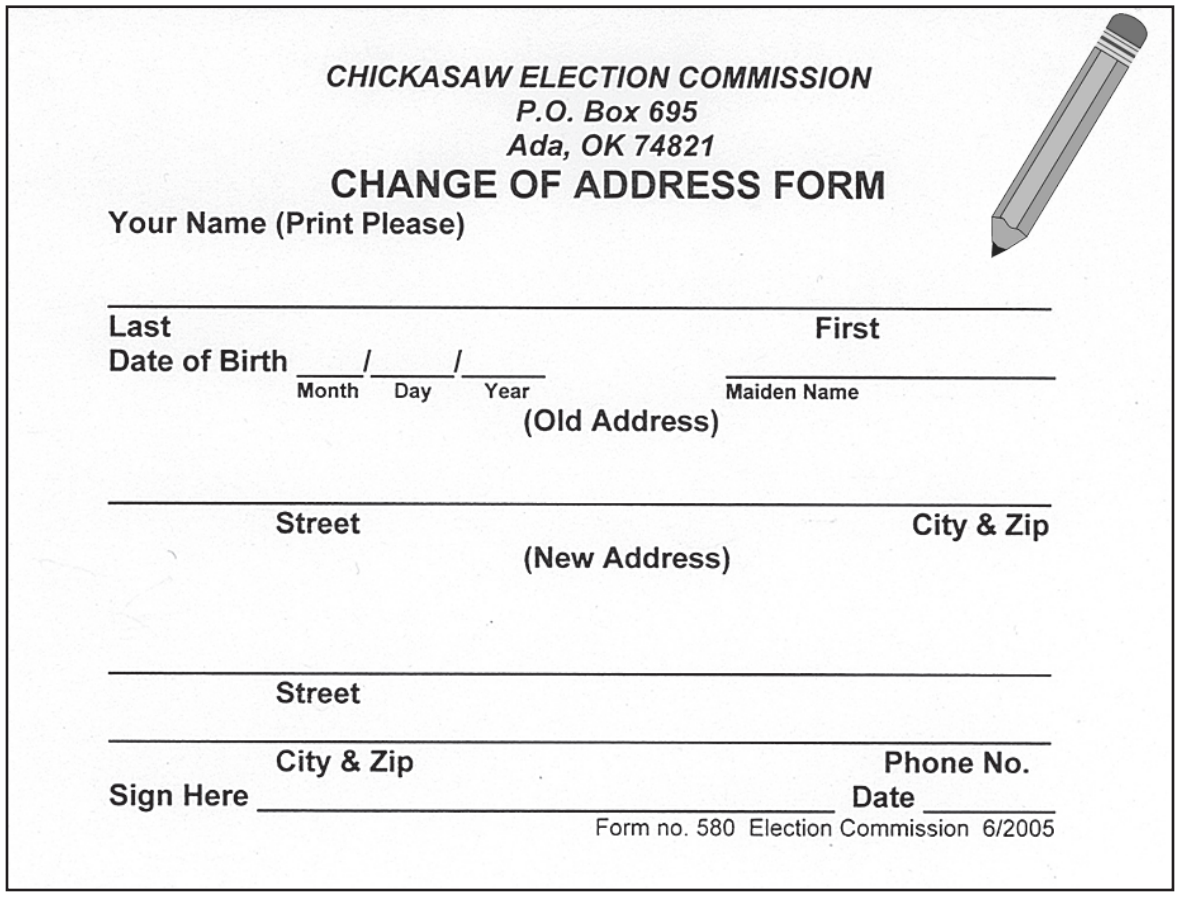
Contact your Election Office

Those wishing to contact the Chickasaw Election Office may do so at one of the following:

P.O. Box 695, Ada, OK 74821
(580) 310-6475 phone
(580) 310- 6474 Fax
Toll Free 1-888-661-0137
Chickasaw.net then click government.





Complete your ballot properly - make your vote count!

Do you know the correct way to complete your election ballot? There is such a procedure in assuring that your vote will be counted in this year's election. Failure to correctly complete your ballot can result in your vote being ruled "invalid" by the Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

Here are some helpful reminders when casting your vote in July.

1. Complete the arrow, using a No. 2 pencil or black ink pen. Ballots are tabulated by Scan-tron, which recognizes pencil or black ink. Do not circle, check or underline the candidates' names.

2. Sign your signature on the outside ballot envelope exactly as it reads, using a blue or black ink pen. Be sure to write your signature in cursive. Do not print. Notice: A hole is punched in the envelope to verify the ballot was inserted.

3. The bar code that appears on the outside envelope is for tabulating purposes only and is not to be written anywhere on the ballot or envelope.

4. Do not put more than one ballot in the inner envelope. Although there may be several voters in a household, no ballots will be counted if all ballots are mailed in one envelope.

5. Complete and mail your ballot as soon as you receive it so it will reach the Ada Post Office by Tuesday, December 7, 2010, the last day the ballots will be received. Ballots are mailed to all qualified voters on November 22, 2010. Voters have two weeks to return their ballots. The ballots will go to the post office in Oklahoma City prior to the Ada Post Office. It will take at least three days before the ballots actually arrive in Ada. Do not wait until the weekend before the deadline to mail your ballot. Doing so may cause it to be late.

6. Make sure that your ballot is not soiled or scribbled on. It must be legible.

7. Finally, vote! This is your privilege, so use it. Ballots will remain in the Ada Post Office until they are picked up by the Election Commissioners on ballot counting day, December 7, 2010.

If you have any questions about your voter registration, completing your ballot or if you do not receive your ballot, please contact Rita Loder, election secretary at the Election Commission office, (580) 310-6475 or 1-888-661-0137. Complete your ballot properly - make your vote count!

Editor's note: This special edition of *the Chickasaw Times* is a Special Election Issue. It contains the announcements and pictures of all candidates. Biographical sketches and personal messages in this issue were submitted by the candidates.

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Application for:
☐ Voter Registration
☐ Citizenship
☐ Change of Address
☐ Abstain from Voting

Application for Citizenship/Voter Registration in the Chickasaw Nation

Last Name | First Name | Middle | Maiden | Social Security Number

Mailing Address (Street, Box, Route) | City | County | State | Zip Code

Date of Birth | Sex | Degree of Blood | Issuing Agency

Do you possess Indian blood of another tribe? If yes, what tribe(s)? _____

Do you wish to have your Social Security number printed on your citizenship card? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are applying for a citizenship card, please **attach a current color photograph** (passport, Polaroid or professional photographs are appropriate). Photographs must be in color and no smaller than 1½" by 1¼".

If you are 18 or over and wish to register as a Chickasaw voter, you must choose the appropriate voting district below.

If you live INSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, mark the district in which you reside.

If you live OUTSIDE the Chickasaw Nation, you must mark the district of your choice.

☐ Pontotoc District No. 1
☐ Pickens District No. 2
☐ Panola District No. 3
☐ Tishomingo District No. 4

***Please do not discard your CDIB card. The citizenship card will take the place of your voter card.**

I am a citizen of the Chickasaw Nation as defined in the Constitution of the Chickasaw Nation and Title 2, Section 2 of the Chickasaw Nation Tribal Code. I understand that false or erroneous information can cause loss of citizenship.

YOUR SIGNATURE REQUIRED Indicate relationship if other than applicant (Parent/legal guardian must sign for minors/wards) | Daytime Phone No. | Date

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OFFICE USE ONLY

Confirmation

Authorizing Signature | CDIB Number | Date

Form no. 264 CDIB Rev. 3/2008

OFFICIAL MAIL BALLOT
SPECIAL ELECTION
CHICKASAW NATION

Pontotoc District Seat 1

Ada, Oklahoma

December 7, 2010

SAMPLE

This is your secret ballot.
Do not sign or otherwise mutilate it.

DO NOT ERASE

TO VOTE:USE A #2 PENCIL (NO INK)

Complete the arrow(s) pointing to your choice(s). like this

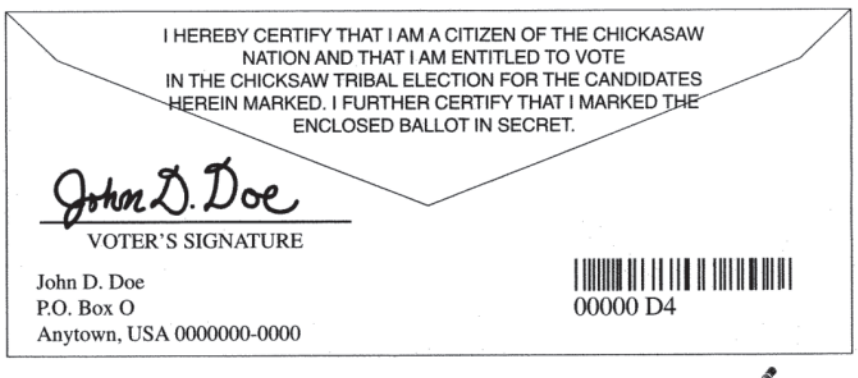
Pontotoc District Seat 1

SAMPLE

Mark A. Johnson
Toby Perkins
Mary Ruth Barnes
Kimberly Factor Hazlett
Todd Griffith
Heath Allison
Jeremy D. Oliver

How to make sure your ballot is counted

Make sure you sign your name in cursive, using an ink pen (NO PENCIL on your signature), **EXACTLY** the way it is written on the envelope, or it will not be counted.


I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I AM A CITIZEN OF THE CHICKASAW NATION AND THAT I AM ENTITLED TO VOTE IN THE CHICKSAW TRIBAL ELECTION FOR THE CANDIDATES HEREIN MARKED. I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I MARKED THE ENCLOSED BALLOT IN SECRET.
John D. Doe
VOTER'S SIGNATURE
John D. Doe
P.O. Box O
Anytown, USA 0000000-0000
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CORRECT:
You must find the name of the candidate you wish to vote for and **complete the arrow** directly across from their name by using a pencil. (NO INK)

DO NOT circle, underline, put an X or check mark any of the candidate's names or it will not be counted!

THE CHICKASAW NATION TRIBAL ELECTION 2010 SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULE

October 18: Mail Special Notice Postcard (Pontotoc District)

October 27-29: Candidate filing period (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

(Candidatesv to bring photo & biography the day they file for office)

November 2: Challenge to Candidacy ends at 5 p.m.

November 3: Drawing for position on the ballot (11a.m. at the Election Secretary's office)

Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's.

November 15: Voter registration closes.

November 16: After 12 p.m. candidates may pick up updated labels, printouts & CD's

November 22: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

December 2: Last day to appoint a watcher.

December 7: 2010 Special Election

(last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

December 7: Voter registration re-opens, if no run-off election.

December 10: Recount period ends.

December 13: Oath of Office Ceremony (11:00 a.m.)

THE CHICKASAW NATION 2010 RUN-OFF SPECIAL ELECTION SCHEDULE (IF NEEDED)

December 13: Candidates may pick up labels, print-outs, & CD's (after 12:00 p.m.)

December.20: Ballots mailed to ALL qualified voters.

December 30: Last day to appoint a watcher for the run-off election.

January 4 : 2010 Run-Off Election (last day to return ballots; no later than 10:30 a.m.)

Ballot tabulation begins @ 11 a.m.

Unofficial results posted immediately

Press Release made to public.

Voter registration re-opens

January 7: Recount period ends.

January 10 : Oath of Office ceremony (11:00 a.m.)